



Oldfields Hall
Middle School

**Proposal to Enlarge
Oldfields Hall Middle School
A school of the Uttoxeter Learning Trust**

**CONSULTATION commences 17th May 2021
at 12:00pm and ends ON THE 14th June 2021 at 12.00pm**

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STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

1. Staffordshire County Council is responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient school places in the County. They have been in discussion with both middle schools in Uttoxeter over the past 36 months as part of an implementation strategy to increase middle school capacity in Uttoxeter Town.
2. The demand for additional Middle School places in Uttoxeter is driven by a number of new housing developments in the area.
3. The Uttoxeter Learning Trust which governs Oldfields Hall Middle School wants to hear the views of local families, the local community, school staff, governors and parents and other bodies on a proposal to:
 - Enlarge Oldfields Hall Middle School.
 - To increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 5 places from 132 to 162 from September 2025.
 - To offer additional places over the current Uttoxeter Town cluster PAN of 252 in Year 5 before the official PAN increase occurs, if these are required across Uttoxeter Town.
 - Gradually increase pupil numbers over time to provide a total of 648 Middle school places (an increase of 120 places)
4. It is important that you make your views known by noon on the 17th June 2021

WHY ARE MORE SCHOOL PLACES NEEDED?

5. The County Council is committed to providing the best possible start for young people, which means ensuring that every child who needs a school place in their area has one available.
6. Middle school places in Uttoxeter Town are planned across a cluster area which contains the two Uttoxeter Town middle schools, Oldfields Hall Middle School and Windsor Park CE(C) Middle School.
7. A strategy to increase the middle school capacity in the Uttoxeter Town middle school cluster is in response to an increase in births, new

housing and Local Plan housing¹. As the number of children is increasing, the number of Middle school places must be increased.

8. Bramshall Meadows is a large housing development in Uttoxeter that has planning permission to provide 700 dwellings and a new First School. As at September 2020 there were 275 dwellings complete on this site.
9. Hazellwalls Farm is another large development that has planning permission to deliver 429 dwellings. As at September 2020 there were 21 dwellings complete on this site.
10. There are three further smaller developments which have planning permission to deliver 65 dwellings. As at September 2020 11 of these dwellings has been completed.
11. In addition to the sites above, a further development of 138 dwellings named Roycroft Farm has recently completed in Uttoxeter Town.
12. These developments totalling 1332 dwellings could generate up to 40 additional middle school children over the life of East Staffordshire Borough Council's Local Plan. To provide more school places, the enlargement would mean that up to 30 more Year 5 places would be available for children starting full-time education at Oldfields Hall Middle School and the capacity of the school would be increased from 528 to 648 places, an increase of 120 places.
13. Any further middle school places required over those being proposed for this expansion will be planned in the future.

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14. Oldfields Hall Middle School is a popular Middle school in Uttoxeter Town. It was inspected by OFSTED in June 2016 and assessed as a "good" school.

¹ Local Plan housing – new homes identified by East Staffordshire Borough Council Local Plan that are required up to 2030.

15. The PAN is the number of Year 5 places offered to children starting their full-time education. Oldfields Hall Middle School currently has a PAN of 132.
16. The Uttoxeter Learning Trust Trustees are committed to providing a middle school place for all pupils in their local area who wish to attend the school. To enable this to happen the Trust have proposed to increase the school's PAN from 132 to 162 from September 2025.
17. Additional pupils in Y6, Y7 and Y8 in 2025 may be accommodated if the demand for places exceeds the combined cluster PAN of 252
18. The proposed change would provide more places for local children and result in improved facilities for pupils at Oldfields Hall. The multiuse Hall will also be a facility that can be used by other schools and the wider local community. Additional classrooms and outdoor social space will be provided and the additional number of pupils will also generate additional funding to enable the appointment of more teachers and teaching assistants.

HOW WOULD THE SCHOOL BE IMPROVED?

19. A scheme has been agreed that includes:
 - five new general teaching bases
 - 1 new Graphics Products Room
 - the creation of a multiuse hall and associated changing facilities
 - re-modelling of existing accommodation to provide specialist Science teaching areas
 - additional pupil toilets
 - external works to reflect the increase in the school population
20. The work will be funded by Section 106 developer contributions from new housing developments and Staffordshire County Council will seek planning permission for the building project.
21. Architectural plans for the expansion have not yet been finalised. They will follow the standard planning application process in due course.
22. The work is planned to start in 2022. The completion date has not yet been agreed, but it is expected that the expansion will be complete

by early 2023 if not before. The County Council, school, and contractors would work together to minimise any disruption.

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL EXPAND?

23. It is planned that the PAN of Oldfields Hall Middle School will only be increased when all middle school places for a Year 5 intake year are full across the cluster. Pupil projections suggest this will be 2025.
24. The additional accommodation will also provide some operational flexibility to admit children moving into a new home within the cluster area, if the demand for places exceeds the combined cluster PAN of 252.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL?

25. New housing developments in the local area are underway and are expected to generate additional children. The additional middle school places will be delivered at the school ready to meet the additional demand across the cluster area. This is currently projected to be September 2025.
26. As stated previously the PAN at Oldfields Hall will only be increased from September 2025 to 162 when it is projected that all existing Middle School Year 5 places in the cluster will be allocated.
27. From September 2025, Oldfields Hall may need to move to five form entry to ensure pupils are taught in appropriately sized teaching groups. Currently the school has four form entry.
28. The following year- 2026- it is anticipated that the need for the additional form will be required again. Meaning the school would have five forms in both year 5 and year 6. Further five form entry in 2027 and 2028 would see the school full with a new maximum pupil number of 648.
29. Pupils currently at the school in 2025, would not be affected and would stay until they move to High School in their year groups with four form groups. The proposed changes would be implemented gradually for children starting at the school in the future.

30. There will be no substantial changes to the way in which pupils are taught as a result of this proposed expansion. Oldfields Hall Middle School is not planning to change the curriculum offer available to pupils or the way in which the curriculum is delivered following the proposed expansion.

HOW DO I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN TO THE GOVERNING BODY/TRUST?

Please send the school your views by 12pm on the 14th June 2021.

- **Email** your views to consultation@oldfields.staffs.sch.uk
- **Write** Oldfields Hall Middle School, Stone Road, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire ST14 7PL
- **Telephone 01889 562770**

All the views received will be presented in a report for consideration by the Governing Body and ULT.

These will also be taken into consideration by Staffordshire County Council cabinet members at the cabinet meeting on 18th August 2021.